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**From:** Farris, Laura  
**Sent:** Sat 8/8/2015 7:47:47 PM  
**Subject:** RE: draft statement - ponds

EPA began building settling ponds to treat the discharge from the audit. A primary pond was completed by early afternoon on August 7, 2015. EPA is treating mine water diverted to the ponds with caustic soda and flocculent. The discharge flow rate from the mine was confirmed to be lower than after the incident, dropping from 1,200gpm to 587gpm.

EPA is maintaining the completed settling pond to treat the flow from the audit with caustic soda and flocculent before discharging it into the Cement Creek. It was completed on August 7, 2015, and two others are under construction.

**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 11:54 AM  
**To:** Farris, Laura  
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**Subject:** draft statement

Sending this very rough draft. I still need polrep updates.

We need to add chronology to this per Purchia.

I think I've incorporated your stuff Rebecca but please review. I had a version going already with info from HQ. Sorry...

I'm coming down to 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

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